

Europe. This gold comes back under a "special" transaction, as the rates of exchange are not yet low enough to admit of gold being imported at a profit.

The situation on the whole is favorable to a higher range of values, but at present there are several impediments in the way of a rise. Union Pacific affairs are tangled. There are rumors of a receiver for that road. Its stock is looked at with distrust. The proportion of reserve to liability is declining in the Bank of England. This is not a reassuring symptom. Cold in the Northwest prevails, and corn is not yet out of danger from frost. However, Mr. Clews thinks there is a bright future for the stock market.

REPUBLICAN PARTY IN NEW YORK

AT NOON, on the 9th inst., the Republican New York State Convention was called to order at Rochester. One of the significant features of that assemblage was the enthusiasm with which the name of James G. Blaine was received. A canvass of the delegates made by New York *World* reporters revealed the fact that over 600 were emphatic in their advocacy of Blaine for Presidential nominee in 1892. There were 107 non-committals, but of these 56 privately favored Blaine.

The temporary chairman, Mr. Goodrich, in his speech after taking the chair, endorsed the McKinley bill, and coincided with the administration in its attitude on silver coinage. The remainder of his speech was a sharp criticism of the Democratic party, and of Governor Hill.

It was thought that a bitter struggle would take place over the nomination for the head of the ticket, owing to the fact that President White of Cornell University was a candidate for Governor. But when a letter was read from that gentleman withdrawing his name, the sublimest of harmony prevailed. J. Sloat Fassett was then nominated for Governor by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Fassett is one of the most popular politicians in New York State. Though still a young man, he has already occupied many important offices. He is now collector of customs of the port of New York, to which office he was appointed only a few weeks ago. When this appointment was made, it was said that the Republican party meant to be aggressive in Gotham.

The platform adopted is a stalwart endorsement of the Harrison administration, and an emphatic denunciation of the silver free-coinage scheme. It favors the construction of the Nicaragua canal by American enterprise and capital. It endorses the Australian ballot law, as a wholesome achievement in electoral reform. It denounces the outrages and cruelty practiced on Jews by the Czar's government. And it approves the legislation of the Fifty-first Congress. The harmony which prevailed in this convention augurs well for the future of the Republican party in New York. There was not a jar in the whole proceedings. The candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of State, Comptroller, State-Treasurer and Attorney-General were all nominated by

acclamation. And what is more indicative of party-goodwill is the fact that all the candidates, as well as being party favorites, are popular men generally.

The withdrawal of Mr. White's name voluntarily is also significant. That gentleman is a wise and learned man, a good citizen, an able political economist, but is not the kind of material that can be used by New York political bosses or wire-pullers. Considering the fact that the Democrats are not thoroughly united in New York, the fight promises to be interesting.

WOMEN IN THE OMAHA SCHOOLS.

THE superintendent of the public schools of Omaha appears bent on making for himself a record while in office. His first official announcement was to the effect that lady principles would not be longer tolerated under his jurisdiction. He now comes forward with the decree, (of which he is presumably the author), from the school board, to the effect that married women should not be eligible as teachers.

It is difficult to understand the reason for these assaults upon lady instructors. They are believed to be attributable to politics. It is suspected that if women teachers were of more importance at the polls than they are they would claim much more of the respect and favors of the Omaha board of education. If the schools of Omaha are not, as they seem now to be regarded by the school board, an essential part of the political machine, then they are for the purpose of educating the children of that city; and education does not mean simply to stuff their brains with the contents of books, but to teach them to be governed and how to govern themselves. Just wherein the unmarried woman is by condition or experience, superior for such a duty to the mother of a family, all things else being equal, we do not understand. If the school board assume, in their decree, that married women are so preoccupied with domestic duties that they cannot perform the full duties of teachers, the assumption is so radical as to be almost as unwarranted as to assume them otherwise incapable, and looks like a pretext to excuse an act of tyranny. To prohibit the employment of teachers unable through any cause whatsoever to perform a teacher's duty fully and capably is proper. But to strain the reform beyond its legitimate effect, by giving it a class application, is not in line with human rights or true progress.

NOTES.

Guizot, the French historian, died Sept. 12, 1889.

Sobieski defeated the Turks at Vienna, Sept. 12, 1683.

The fruit crop in Italy is said to be enormous this year.

Jenny Lind gave her first concert in New York September 12, 1850.

Richard M. Hoe, inventor of the improved printing press, was born Sept. 12, 1812.

The British governor of Massachusetts attempted to bribe John Adams, Sept. 12, 1768.

It is reported that Chinamen are coming into the United States in thousands by way of British Columbia, Northwest Territory and Canada.

The receipts of grain at Chicago for the week ending September 5th, 1891, were 11,400,000 bushels, more than double those of 1890 for the corresponding week.

Captain Eva Booth, daughter of General Booth, of Salvation Army fame, is one of the most promising officers in that vast religious army. She is said to be very handsome and is a great success in making new recruits.

In Austria it has been found that the slanting of letters in writing causes curvature of the spine, due to the position maintained at the table or desk, and a supreme council has recommended that upright letters be cultivated in schooling.

The *Louisville Courier-Journal* says that white collars and white cuffs are good so far as they go, but asks, isn't a man rather incomplete without something white at the bottom of his pantaloons? Will not some enterprising dude give us a sample of a man with a proper amount of linen?

Advices from Rome are to the effect that the provincial debts of Italy amount to \$3,000,000,000, or \$100 for each man, woman and child in the kingdom, while the national debt is fully \$4,000,000,000. Is it any wonder that Humbert's subjects are anxious to get out of such a debt burdened country?

J. C. Heywood, the Pope's new chamberlain, is a Harvard graduate of 1858. He was admitted to the bar in New York in 1858. Mr. Heywood has written a number of poems of merit. Harvard has given him the degrees of LL D and A. M. The position he holds is not an ecclesiastical one.

A Los Angeles paper says there are sixty slaves in that city whose owners hold bills of sales of their bodies, and deal in them as horses and cattle are bought and sold. The slaves are Chinese women, who dare not attempt to escape, as such an attempt would mean death. They range in price anywhere from \$800 to \$3,000, according to their age and beauty.

Some of the sons of famous fathers are demonstrating the falsity of the historic slur on the children of great men. The latest of them to achieve prominence is Francis Darwin, a son of the great apostle of evolution. He is becoming famous for his researches in biology, and was recently elected president of the biological section of the big Demographic Congress in London.

It is reported that E. T. Jeffries, of Chicago, will be the next president of the Rio Grande Railroad. Mr. Jeffries is now one of the directors of the World's Fair at Chicago. He was for thirty-five years connected with the Illinois Central, and rose from office boy to be general manager of that road. He is considered one of the most efficient allround railroad men in America. He was sent on a special message to Paris eighteen months ago, in the interests of the Columbian Exposition. He is one of the favorite sons of Illinois, and in Chicago is very popular.